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[Report No. 107–193]

To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve and for the preservation of Vancouver Barracks.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 7, 2001

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JUNE 28, 2002

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with amendments

[Omit the parts struck through and insert the parts printed in *italic*]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Vancouver National
3 Historic Reserve Preservation Act of ~~2001~~ 2002”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) the Vancouver National Historic Reserve
7 (referred to in this section as the “Reserve”) in Van-
8 couver, Washington, contains several sites of histor-
9 ical importance, including—

10 (A) the former trading post of the Hudson
11 Bay Company, established in 1825;

12 (B) Vancouver Barracks, a major adminis-
13 trative outpost of the United States Army for
14 150 years;

15 (C) Officers Row, which is listed on the
16 National Register of Historic Places; and

17 (D) Pearson Airpark, the oldest contin-
18 ually operating airport in the United States;

19 (2) in accordance with section 502(b)(3) of the
20 Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act
21 of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law 104–333),
22 a partnership comprised of representatives from the
23 National Park Service, the Historic Preservation Of-
24 fice of the State of Washington, the Department of
25 the Army, and the city of Vancouver, Washington,
26 has developed a comprehensive cooperative manage-

1 ment plan for the restoration of Vancouver Bar-
2 racks;

3 (3) the 16 buildings at Vancouver Barracks re-
4 ferred to as the “West Barracks” were vacated by
5 the Army in October 2000 and, for preservation pur-
6 poses, require significant repair;

7 (4) the Army Reserve and the Washington Na-
8 tional Guard actively use the portions of Vancouver
9 Barracks referred to as the “East Barracks”;

10 (5) the management plan for the Reserve rec-
11 ommends that the historic buildings at Vancouver
12 Barracks be preserved and primarily used for edu-
13 cational purposes and public activities;

14 (6) the State of Washington, the city of Van-
15 couver, Washington, and the Vancouver National
16 Historic Reserve Trust have pledged to financially
17 support preservation efforts at the Reserve;

18 (7) extensive planning efforts under the man-
19 agement plan for the Reserve have been completed,
20 and restoration and reuse efforts are proceeding as
21 planned;

22 (8) the historic Lewis and Clark expedition
23 passed by the Reserve on the final segment of its
24 historic expedition to the Pacific Ocean;

1 (9) the bicentennial celebration of the Lewis
 2 and Clark expedition is scheduled to take place from
 3 2004 through 2006;

4 (10) to accommodate the expected increase in
 5 visitors to the Reserve during the commemoration of
 6 the bicentennial celebration, the historic preservation
 7 and reuse efforts at the Reserve should be contin-
 8 ued; and

9 (11) to prevent the further deterioration of
 10 Vancouver Barracks, the historic preservation of the
 11 West Barracks should be expedited.

12 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to increase
 13 the authorization of appropriations for the Vancouver Na-
 14 tional Historic Reserve and for the preservation of Van-
 15 couver Barracks at the Reserve.

16 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 Section 502(d) of the Omnibus Parks and Public
 18 Lands Management Act of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 461 note;
 19 Public Law 104–333) is amended by striking
 20 “\$5,000,000” and inserting “\$25,000,000”. “\$5,000,000
 21 *for development costs.*” and inserting “\$15,000,000 *for de-*
 22 *velopment costs associated with capital projects consistent*
 23 *with the cooperative management plan, except that the Fed-*
 24 *eral share of such development costs shall not exceed 50*
 25 *percent of the total costs.*”.

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